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PRESS RELEASE

AMBASSADOR MOZENA PRESENTS CERTIFICATES TO COMMUNITY BASED POLICING COURSE GRADUATES

DHAKA, FEBRUARY 29 -- Over twenty 20 officers at the inspector and sub-inspector rank from the Rajshahi and Rangpur Divisions, as well as Rajshahi Metropolitan Police graduated from the USAID-supported Community-based Policing Course. The students received their graduation certificates from the U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, Dan Mozena, in a ceremony held at the Rajshahi Police Academy.

Community-based Policing Course is building the capacity of 1,300 mid-level police officers throughout the northwest in community policing best practices. To date, 258 officers have completed a 3-day course, 7% of whom are female.

Currently the course is co-taught with the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) through a unique collaboration between USAID and the Department of Justice's (DOJ) International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP). In April 2012, USAID will begin to prepare a team of 32 Bangladesh police officers to co-teach and eventually lead the community policing course in an effort to ensure sustainability after the program is finished. The officers will be selected from among the current course graduates based on their demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to community policing principals, as established during the final course exam and follow-up observation of field operations. Those chosen will participate in a 5-day accreditation workshop, as well as receive ongoing mentorship from USAID and PPB in the field and classroom.

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